

REMARKS

A sincere attempt has been made in the foregoing amendment to place the applications in ready condition for allowance by cancelling all claims which were rejected under the recapture rule, under 35 U.S.C. §102, 35 U.S.C. §103, and 35 U.S.C. §112. This includes cancellation of claims 16, 18, 31-34 and 55-75 which stand rejected in the Advisory Action of December 21, 2007

The only amendments to the claims submitted in this response are (a) to indent the separate elements or steps in certain claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.75(I) (suggested on page 5 of the original PTO final action); and to correct certain informalities specifically pointed out by the Examiner on pages 4-5 of such PTO action, in combination with a compliance of the continuation of 3 note in the Advisory Action.

It should be pointed out that in connection with the Examiner's requirement for indentation, in some cases a parent claim (for example, claim 1) required indentation due to a multiple number of elements in the claim; while a dependent claim (for example, claim 4) only recites a single element where no indentation is possible. Accordingly, while the Examiner objected to claim 4, for example, as lacking indentation, the correction to such objection in this situation is by indentations in the parent claim, so, for example, no specific amendment has been made to dependent claim 4.

The same general situation arises in connection with the informalities. Here again, an informality pointed out by the Examiner in claim 19 effects a large number of claims depending on claim 19, such as claim 20, but no specific amendment is made in the amendment of claim 20, because the objection is already taken care of by amending claim 19.

The following is a summary of the status of all 75 claims in the application which include

a summary of all amendments made to the claims in this response. It is not believed necessary to designate support in the specification for such amendments.

Summary of the Examiner's Rejections and Objections:

Claims 16-18, 26, 31-34, 37, 44, 47, 52 and 55-75 were rejected, and all such claims have been cancelled.

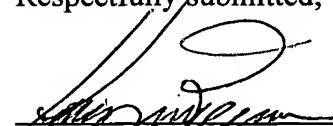
Pages 4-5 of the final rejection letter of July 28, 2005, set forth informalities to which objections were made by the examiner. As to the informalities in claims 18, 36, 37, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75, these claims have been cancelled, and the objections are moot. As to the informalities in claims 19, 35, 36, 41 and 42, each such claim has been amended herein as per the examiner's suggestion.

On page 5 of the final rejection letter of July 18, 2005, objection was made to claims 1-12, 16-30, and 35-54 for lack of indentation of separate steps or elements in the claims as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.75(I), all such claims have been amended herein to provide for such indentation, except for claims 16-18, 26, 37, 44 and 47, which have been cancelled. It may also be noted that claims 4 10, 12, 20-22, 24, 27, 28, 30, 38, 39, 41, 45, 46, 48-51, 53, and 54 are dependent claims reciting a single added element, so no indentation is required, as this has been handled by appropriate indentation in the respective parent claims from which these claims depend.

Because of the lengthy pendency of this application, it is hoped that a speedy resolution may be made of this case of any matters remaining in dispute.

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